

1 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Dominick.

2 DOMINICK M.: Thank you for listening.

3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you very much for
4 being here.

5 Mr. Weed.

6 MR. WEED: I've got to clear my throat.

7 I've been around compulsive gamblers for
8 29 years. I could talk for hours, and in three
9 minutes I'm going to just talk on one subject and one
10 subject along, which I wrote down so I won't get off
11 the track.

12 It has to do with our children that
13 Dominick just touched on. What message are we giving
14 them on gambling? Is it good? Is it bad? Is it
15 right or is it wrong?

16 Our fathers, mothers, grandparents,
17 teachers, educators, clergy, all our leaders of our
18 country have said that our children are our future
19 leaders. I have always been taught to have a better
20 way of life and to have a good life, I must work hard
21 and receive a good education.

22 Of course, our message should always be

1 that to our children. Nobody gets something for
2 nothing. There are no free rides. Like the old
3 advertisement once said, either you pay now or you pay
4 later.

5 Our message to our kids today through the
6 media is a way for them to have fun, whether or not
7 our message comes from a burger company promotion that
8 entices children to rub off scratch-offs similar to
9 our state lottery or children's television promotions
10 mail-in postcards. Come see the stars. Come get
11 something for nothing. Pick up the toys. Pick up the
12 gift certificates and other prizes, go on and on and
13 on.

14 In my awareness, and this is the key, in
15 my awareness they taught the grammar schools over 25
16 years ago. I would say to the class, "How many in the
17 class gamble?" Gospel truth.

18 Five percent, five percent would raise
19 their hand and gamble. Today we go into the grammar
20 schools. I'm not talking high schools. I'm not
21 talking colleges. You say, "How many in the classroom
22 gamble?" An astonishing 90 percent of our children

1 are gambling, are being taught a message.

2 We need strong leadership in defining
3 where we're heading in our society. Hopefully this
4 Commission will make representations to address these
5 issues.

6 There are no -- I'm sorry. There are no
7 educational criterias (phonetic) in our schools today.
8 There are no criterias in our school today.

9 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Mr. Weed.

10 MR. WEED: We need to educate our children
11 regarding this problem with these educators.

12 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Mr. -- Mr. --

13 MR. WEED: Doing nothing is not acceptable
14 here.

15 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you very much. I'm
16 going to ask you to submit the rest of your comments
17 for the record.

18 MR. WEED: It's already been submitted.

19 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

20 Kathy Terrigino.

21 MS. TERRIGINO: Terrigino, yes, ma'am.

22 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Kathy.